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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1986/87

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WHEAT: World production for 1986/87 is forecast at 510.4 million tons, up 7.2 million or 1 percent from last year and only 5 million tons less than the previous record 1984/85 harvest. Important changes from the 1985/86 crop include the following:

- **United States** — Production is forecast at 59.3 million tons, down 6.7 million or 10 percent from last year's crop. The decrease is attributed primarily to a sharp drop in winter wheat area.
- **USSR** — Production is forecast at 80.0 million tons, down 3.0 million or 4 percent from last year's estimated crop. The smaller crop is attributed to a reduced area forecast.
- **EC-12** — Production is forecast at 77.1 million tons, up 5.7 million or 8 percent from last year and second only to the record 1984/85 harvest. Larger crops are expected in most of the member countries. Production projections for 1986/87 for selected countries (with 1985/86 in parentheses) are: France--29.8 million tons (29.2); United Kingdom--14.0 million (11.9); Germany--10.5 million (9.9); and Italy--8.9 million (8.5).
- **China** — Production is forecast at a record 88.5 million tons, up 2.9 million or 3 percent from last year's harvest. Winter grain area is estimated up 2 percent and while some areas are currently dry, weather conditions have been generally favorable. Grain production is being emphasized in national policy with higher subsidies for agricultural inputs including fertilizer and fuel.

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The production projections contained in this report have not been adjusted to
*reflect the possible impacts of the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl *
*because of a lack of specific information. *
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- o Canada — Production is forecast at 26.0 million tons, up 2.1 million or 9 percent from last year's weather-reduced harvest. Area is projected at a record level. Spring planting conditions are generally favorable across the Prairie Provinces; southern and southwestern areas are in need of additional soil moisture.

- o India — Production is forecast at 47.0 million tons, up 2.8 million or 6 percent from last year's bumper harvest. Excellent weather, increased area and greater reported use of agricultural chemicals has boosted yield prospects, particularly in Punjab province. Harvesting is underway.

- o Pakistan — Production is forecast at 13.5 million tons, up 1.8 million or 15 percent from last year's crop. Widespread winter rains, adequate canal water and electricity for irrigation, and expected increased area are contributing to the anticipated record production.

- o Argentina — Production is forecast at 9.6 million tons, up 1.1 million or 13 percent from last year's weather-reduced crop. Area is projected to decline for the fourth consecutive year, to the lowest since 1980/81. Higher yields are forecast following last year's rain-and-flood-reduced level.

- o East Europe — Production is forecast at 78.9 million tons, up 0.9 million or 2 percent from last year's harvest and second only to the record 1984/85 harvest. Most of the increase is attributed to a return to more normal production in Bulgaria.

- o Australia — Production is forecast at 15.3 million tons, down 1.0 million or 6 percent from last year's crop. Extremely dry weather throughout eastern Australia has lowered expected area 2 percent. Rains are needed to build soil moisture reserves in the East and to maintain yield prospects in the West. Planting is underway.

- o Brazil — Production is forecast at 3.8 million tons, down 0.5 million or 12 percent from last year's record crop. A larger area and a return to more normal yields are forecast.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1986/87 is projected at 819.0 million tons, down 23.7 million or 3 percent from last year's record crop. Important changes from the 1985/86 crop include the following:

- o United States — Production is forecast at 235.3 million tons, down 39.0 million or 14 percent from last year. Smaller corn and sorghum crops are projected based on a return to trend yields.

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- o USSR — Production is forecast at 98.0 million tons, up 4.0 million or 4 percent from last year's estimate. Increased corn and barley area and higher corn yields are projected.

- o China — Production is forecast at 94.3 million tons, up 10.4 million tons or 12 percent from last year's harvest. Corn output is projected at 72 million tons, up 13 percent from last year as yields and harvested area are forecast to increase.

- o Canada — Production is forecast at 23.3 million tons, down 1.4 million or 5 percent from last year. Barley production is projected at 11.5 million tons, down 6 percent due principally to lower area. Corn production is forecast at 7.0 million tons, down 6 percent from last year's record crop.

- o Argentina — Production is forecast at 17.7 million tons, down 0.6 million or 3 percent from last season's crop. More normal yields are forecast after last season's near-record level.

- o Brazil — Production is forecast at 23.1 million tons, up 3.4 million or 18 percent from last season's drought-reduced level. Higher area and yields for corn are forecast.

- o South Africa — Production is forecast at 9.9 million tons, up 0.6 million or 6 percent from last year's crop. Corn area and yields are forecast to be higher.

- o EC-12 — Production is forecast at 86.1 million tons, down 1.6 million or 2 percent from last year's crop. Production is forecast lower in France, Denmark, Germany, and Italy. Barley production is forecast at 49.7 million tons, down 0.8 million from last year's level.

- o East Europe — Production is forecast at 68.7 million tons, up 0.1 million from the previous crop. Production is forecast sharply higher in Yugoslavia and Bulgaria following last year's drought reduced level. Somewhat lower production is forecast for Poland and Romania.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1986/87 is projected at a record 320.2 million tons, up 5.3 million or nearly 2 percent from the 1985/86 crop. Foreign production in 1986/87 is projected at a record 316.0 million tons, an increase of 5.4 million or 2 percent from 1985/86. U.S. output is projected at 4.2 million, down slightly from last season.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1986/87 is forecast at a record 193.0 million tons, up 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from 1985/86. U.S. production is forecast at 59.0 million tons, down 6.4 million or 10 percent from 1985/86. Foreign production is projected at a record 134.0 million tons, up 6.7 million or 5 percent from 1985/86.

COTTON: World production for 1986/87 is forecast at 75.5 million bales, down 2.4 million or 3 percent from 1985/86. Foreign production is projected at 64.5 million bales, unchanged from 1985/86. U.S. production is projected at 11.0 million bales, down 2.4 million or 18 percent from 1985/86.

PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1985/86

WHEAT: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 503.2 million tons, down 0.6 million tons from last month. Downward revisions were made for China, the EC-12, and Australia, and an upward revision was made for Brazil.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 842.8 million tons, down 1.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month. Downward revisions were made for Australia and Mexico, and an upward revision was made for Iraq.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 314.9 million tons, down 0.3 million or less than 1 percent from last month. There were no significant changes from a month ago.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 192.7 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. U.S. production is estimated at 65.4 million tons, down 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but up 11 percent from last year. Foreign production is estimated at 127.3 million tons, up 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year's record.

* Soybeans: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 94.7 million tons, up 0.6 million or 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

    - o Brazil — Production is estimated at 13.0 million tons, up 0.5 million or 4 percent from last month, but down 29 percent from last year's record. Over one-half of the crop has been harvested, and yields have been higher than expected, particularly in Rio Grande do Sul. Reports indicate quality is generally good in the Center-West Region, but that quality in Rio Grande do Sul suffered from wet weather during early April.

* Cottonseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 30.3 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but down 10 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

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- India — Production is estimated at a record 3.7 million tons, up 0.3 million or 8 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Favorable weather and good management practices have resulted in a record cotton yield. Area is also revised upward.

* Peanuts: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 20.1 million tons, down 0.5 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year. A significant change from the last month is the following:

  - India — Production is estimated at 5.2 million tons, down 0.4 million or 7 percent from last month and down 23 percent from last year. Drought during the karif season was more pronounced than had been thought earlier. Production in Gujarat, which comprises about 30 percent of total production, was only 25 percent of normal. Production in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Ahdhra Pradesh was also reduced by drought.

* Sunflowerseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 18.8 million tons, down 0.3 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 5 percent from last year.

* Rapeseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 18.7 million tons, down 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but up 11 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

  - India — Production is estimated at 3.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 6 percent from last month, but virtually unchanged from last year's level. Drought in January and hail damage in March reduced yield prospects.

* Flaxseed: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month, but up 11 percent from last year.

* Copra: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 5.1 million tons, up marginally from last month and up 4 percent from last year.

* Palm Kernels: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 2.6 million tons, up 0.1 million or 4 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year.

* Palm Oil: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at a record 8.0 million tons, up 0.3 million or 4 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

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- o **Malaysia** — Production is estimated at a record 4.8 million tons, up 0.3 million or 7 percent from last month and up 26 percent from last year's record. Production the first 6 months of the October/September year was 36 percent above the same period last year. Productive area continues to increase and yields have been steadily increasing since the drought of 1983.

Cotton: World production for 1985/86 is estimated at 77.9 million bales, up 0.4 million or less than one percent from last month, but 11 percent less than the record crop of a year ago. Foreign output is projected at 64.5 million bales, 14 percent below the record 1984/85 crop. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o **India** — Production is estimated at a record 8.4 million bales, up 0.6 million or 8 percent from last month and 6 percent from last year. Increased production is due to favorable post-monsoon rains.

- o **Australia** — Production is estimated at 1.0 million bales, up 0.1 million or 16 percent from last month, but down 9 percent from last year's record. Increased production is due to excellent weather during the growing season.

- o **Argentina** — Production is estimated at 0.5 million bales, down 0.1 million or 22 percent from last month and 36 percent from last year. Decreased output is attributed to wet weather in April which adversely affected quantity and quality.

- o **United States** — Production is estimated at 13.4 million bales, down 0.1 million or 1 percent, but up 4 percent from last year. Decreased output is due to lower than expected harvested area.

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This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield, and production are from USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board, except where noted. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production 1/

Commodity	--Harvested Area--			--Yield--			--Production--		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--			--Million Bushels--		
All Wheat	66.9	64.7		38.8	37.5		2,595	2,425	2,178
Winter	51.5	48.0	42.8	40.0	38.1	37.4	2,060	1,827	1,603
Other	15.4	16.8		34.7	35.6		535	598	575
Rye	1.0	0.7		32.6	29.3		32	21	23
Soybeans	66.1	61.6		28.1	34.1		1,861	2,099	1,900
Corn	71.9	75.1		106.7	118.0		7,674	8,865	7,575
Sorghum	15.4	16.7		56.4	66.8		866	1,113	850
Barley	11.2	11.6		53.4	51.0		599	589	600
Oats	8.2	8.1		58.1	63.7		474	519	530
	--Million Hectares--			--Metric Tons per Hectare--			--Millions of Metric Tons--		
Tot. Feedgrains	43.2	45.1		5.5	6.1		236.9	273.8	234.8
	--Million Acres--			--Pounds per Acre--			---Million CWT.---		
Rice	2.8	2.5		4,954	5,437		138.8	136.0	130.0
							---Million 480-Pound---		
All Cotton	10.4	10.2		600	630		13.0	13.4	11.0

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops 1/

Year	Wheat				Rice	Feedgrains					Soybeans	All Cotton	Total Maj. Crops
	Winter	Other	Total	Rye		Corn	Sorghum	Barley	Oats	Total			
	--Million Acres--												
1984/85	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.5	17.3	12.0	12.4	122.2	67.8	11.1	286.1
1985/86 prel.	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.3	18.3	13.1	13.3	128.0	63.1	10.7	282.5
1986/87 proj.													
May	54.0			2.4									

1/ Estimates from USDA Agricultural Statistics Board for 1984/85, 1985/86 and winter wheat estimates for 1986/87.
All other 1986/87 estimates are from USDA Interagency Commodity Estimates Committees.

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World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America: United States	North America: Canada	North America: Mexico	Europe: EC-12	Europe: Oth. W. Europe	Europe: Eastern Europe	USSR	Asia: China	Asia: India	Asia: Indonesia	Asia: Pakistan	Asia: Thailand	South America: Argentina	South America: Brazil	Selected Other Countries: Australia	Selected Other Countries: South Africa	Selected Other Countries: Turkey	All Other Countries
										---Million Metric Tons---										
Wheat																				
1984/85	515.2	444.6	70.6	21.2	4.2	82.8	4.5	42.1	73.0	87.8	45.5	.0	10.9	.0	13.2	1.9	18.7	2.2	13.3	23.3
1985/86 prel.	503.2	437.2	66.0	23.9	4.4	71.5	4.1	38.0	83.0	85.6	44.2	.0	11.7	.0	8.5	4.3	16.3	1.7	12.7	27.3
1986/87 proj.																				
May	510.4	451.1	59.3	26.0	4.5	77.1	4.2	38.9	89.0	88.5	47.0	.0	13.5	.0	9.6	3.8	15.3	2.2	13.0	27.6
Coarse Grains																				
1984/85	808.0	570.3	237.7	22.0	14.5	89.7	14.0	73.0	86.0	95.4	31.5	5.3	1.6	4.7	18.6	22.5	8.6	8.7	9.3	65.9
1985/86 prel.	842.8	568.4	274.3	24.7	14.2	87.7	13.2	68.6	94.0	83.9	29.8	4.6	1.6	5.5	18.3	19.7	7.8	9.4	8.1	77.5
1986/87 proj.																				
May	819.0	583.7	235.3	23.3	13.3	86.1	13.0	68.7	98.0	94.3	30.6	5.5	1.7	5.4	17.7	23.1	6.9	9.9	8.5	77.6
Rice (Milled)																				
1984/85	318.7	314.2	4.5	.0	0.2	1.1	.0	0.2	1.8	124.8	58.6	25.9	3.3	12.3	0.3	4.1	0.6	.0	0.2	78.7
1985/86 prel.	314.9	310.6	4.4	.0	0.4	1.2	.0	0.2	1.8	116.9	61.0	26.5	3.0	12.7	0.3	4.1	0.5	.0	0.2	79.8
1986/87 proj.																				
May	320.2	316.0	4.2																	
Total Grains 1/																				
1984/85	1,641.9	1,329.2	312.8	43.2	18.9	173.6	18.6	115.3	160.8 1/	308.0	135.6	31.2	15.8	17.1	32.0	30.5	27.9	10.9	21.8	167.9
1985/86 prel.	1,660.9	1,316.2	344.7	48.6	19.0	160.4	17.3	106.7	178.8 1/	286.4	135.1	31.1	16.3	18.2	27.1	30.1	24.6	11.0	21.0	184.6
1986/87 proj.																				
May	1,649.6	1,350.8	298.8																	
Oilseeds 2/																				
1984/85	190.2	131.0	59.2	5.1	1.1	5.0 3/	1.7 3/	4.7	10.0	31.1	14.9	1.5	2.3	0.4	11.0	20.2	0.9	0.6	1.8	18.6
1985/86 prel.	192.7	127.3	65.4	5.5	1.2	6.0 3/	1.6 3/	4.6	10.9	30.6	13.7	1.6	2.8	0.5	11.8	14.3	0.8	0.7	1.7	19.2
1986/87 proj.																				
May	193.0	134.0	59.0																	
Cotton										--Million 480-Pound Bales---										
1984/85	87.6	74.6	13.0	.0	1.2	0.9	0.0	.0	11.9	28.7	7.9	.0	4.6	0.2	0.8	4.2	1.1	0.2	2.7	10.1
1985/86 prel.	77.9	64.5	13.4	.0	0.9	1.1	0.0	0.1	12.1	19.1	8.4	.0	5.7	0.3	0.5	2.8	1.0	0.2	2.4	9.9
1986/87 proj.																				
May	75.5	64.5	11.0																	

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 170 mil. tons in 1984/85, 190 mil. in 1985/86, and 190 mil. forecast in 1986/87.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

3/ For oilseeds, Spain and Portugal are included in the "Other Western Europe" category. Oilseeds will be revised in July to reflect EC-12.

Note: Entries of ".0" indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---			---Production---		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---			---Million Metric Tons---		
World	231.2	229.6		2.23	2.19		515.2	503.2	510.4
United States	27.1	26.2		2.61	2.52		70.6	66.0	59.3
Total Foreign	204.1	203.4	203.9	2.18	2.15	2.21	444.6	437.2	451.1
Maj. Foreign Exporters	47.4	46.2	46.3	2.87	2.60	2.77	135.9	120.2	128.0
Argentina	6.0	5.3	5.1	2.22	1.61	1.90	13.2	8.5	9.6
Australia	12.1	12.0	11.8	1.55	1.37	1.30	18.7	16.3	15.3
Canada	13.2	13.7	13.7	1.61	1.75	1.90	21.2	23.9	26.0
EC-12	16.2	15.3	15.8	5.12	4.67	4.89	82.8	71.5	77.1
Major Importers	98.0	98.3	98.1	2.16	2.22	2.23	211.4	218.7	219.0
Brazil	1.8	2.8	3.4	1.09	1.54	1.10	1.9	4.3	3.8
China	29.6	29.6	30.0	2.97	2.89	2.95	87.8	85.6	88.5
Eastern Europe	10.1	9.9	10.1	4.14	3.82	3.84	42.1	38.0	38.9
Egypt	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.70	3.76	3.57	1.8	1.9	1.9
Other N. Africa */	4.7	5.0	4.8	0.85	1.03	1.09	4.0	5.1	5.3
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.19	3.74	3.24	0.7	0.9	0.8
USSR	51.1	50.3	49.0	1.43	1.65	1.63	73.0	83.0	80.0
Other Foreign	58.8	58.9	59.5	1.66	1.67	1.75	97.4	98.3	104.1
India	24.7	24.4	24.5	1.84	1.81	1.92	45.5	44.2	47.0
Iran	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.80	0.93	0.95	4.5	5.3	5.4
Mexico	1.0	1.1	1.1	4.42	4.19	4.19	4.2	4.4	4.5
Non-EC W. Europe	0.9	0.9	0.9	4.92	4.59	4.65	4.5	4.1	4.2
Pakistan	7.3	7.3	7.4	1.49	1.61	1.82	10.9	11.7	13.5
South Africa	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.16	0.90	1.15	2.2	1.7	2.2
Turkey	8.6	8.6	8.7	1.55	1.48	1.49	13.3	12.7	13.0
Others	8.7	9.1	9.3	1.40	1.56	1.53	12.2	14.2	14.2

*/ Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---			---Production---		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---			---Million Metric Tons---		
World	338.9	342.7		2.38	2.46		808.0	842.8	819.0
United States	43.6	45.4		5.46	6.04		237.7	274.3	235.3
Total Foreign	295.4	297.3	298.4	1.93	1.91	1.96	570.3	568.4	583.7
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.7	26.8	26.1	2.35	2.45	2.43	62.6	65.7	63.3
Argentina	6.1	5.7	5.7	3.02	3.24	3.12	18.6	18.3	17.7
Australia	5.5	5.6	5.1	1.58	1.40	1.35	8.6	7.8	6.9
Canada	8.0	8.2	7.8	2.74	3.00	3.01	22.0	24.7	23.3
South Africa	4.8	4.9	5.0	1.81	1.90	1.97	8.7	9.4	9.9
Thailand	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.11	2.26	2.18	4.7	5.5	5.4
Major Importers	109.9	109.3	109.6	2.54	2.55	2.56	278.9	279.1	280.4
Eastern Europe	18.7	18.8	18.6	3.90	3.66	3.69	73.0	68.6	68.7
EC-12	20.0	20.3	19.9	4.49	4.33	4.32	89.7	87.7	86.1
Other W. Europe	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.08	3.78	3.80	14.0	13.2	13.0
Mexico	8.0	7.8	7.7	1.82	1.81	1.73	14.5	14.2	13.3
USSR	59.2	58.5	59.5	1.45	1.61	1.65	86.0	94.0	98.0
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.84	3.03	3.10	1.6	1.4	1.3
Other Foreign	158.8	161.1	162.8	1.44	1.39	1.47	228.8	223.7	239.9
Brazil	12.4	12.4	13.1	1.82	1.58	1.76	22.5	19.7	23.1
China	28.7	27.3	27.8	3.32	3.07	3.39	95.4	83.9	94.3
India	39.3	38.9	38.8	0.80	0.77	0.79	31.5	29.8	30.6
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5
Nigeria	13.0	13.3	13.4	0.67	0.75	0.79	8.7	10.0	10.7
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.04	1.07	1.10	3.4	3.5	3.6
Turkey	4.1	4.2	4.2	2.03	1.94	2.02	8.3	8.1	8.5
Others	54.9	59.6	58.8	0.98	1.08	1.08	53.8	64.1	63.7
BARLEY									
World	78.5	78.8		2.20	2.23		172.2	176.0	175.6
United States	4.5	4.7		2.87	2.74		13.0	12.8	13.1
Total Foreign	73.9	74.2	73.0	2.15	2.20	2.23	159.2	163.1	162.5
Australia	3.5	3.5	3.0	1.58	1.38	1.30	5.6	4.8	3.9
Canada	4.6	4.8	4.4	2.25	2.58	2.61	10.3	12.2	11.5
China	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.20	2.17	2.82	5.6	5.2	6.2
Eastern Europe	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.04	3.78	3.75	17.1	16.7	16.8
EC-12	12.6	12.7	12.5	4.33	3.97	3.97	54.5	50.5	49.7
Other W. Europe	1.8	1.9	1.9	3.88	3.48	3.58	7.0	6.7	6.7
Turkey	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.00	1.87	1.90	6.0	5.8	5.9
USSR	30.5	29.1	30.0	1.38	1.62	1.61	42.1	47.2	48.3
Others	11.2	12.3	11.4	0.98	1.14	1.18	11.0	14.0	13.4

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---			---Production---		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---			---Million Metric Tons---		
World	128.3	129.2		3.56	3.71		457.3	480.0	463.9
United States	29.1	30.4		6.70	7.41		194.9	225.2	192.4
Total Foreign	99.2	98.8	102.4	2.64	2.58	2.65	262.3	254.8	271.5
Maj. Foreign Exporters	9.2	9.7	9.9	2.57	2.76	2.70	23.6	26.7	26.6
Argentina	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.43	3.71	3.57	11.5	13.0	12.5
South Africa	3.9	4.0	4.2	2.00	2.13	2.17	7.6	8.5	9.0
Thailand	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.23	2.40	2.30	4.4	5.2	5.1
Major Importers	21.7	22.6	22.9	3.83	3.75	3.83	83.4	84.5	87.7
Eastern Europe	7.4	7.6	7.6	4.84	4.42	4.60	35.7	33.4	34.9
EC-12	3.8	4.0	4.0	6.04	6.34	6.26	23.2	25.3	25.1
Other W. Europe	0.2	0.2	0.2	7.41	8.37	8.00	1.7	1.9	1.8
Mexico	6.3	6.2	6.0	1.57	1.61	1.50	9.9	10.0	9.0
USSR	3.9	4.5	5.0	3.21	3.01	3.30	12.5	13.5	16.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.90	4.18	4.17	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	68.3	66.6	69.6	2.28	2.16	2.26	155.4	143.7	157.2
Brazil	12.0	12.0	12.7	1.83	1.58	1.77	22.0	19.0	22.5
Canada	1.2	1.2	1.2	5.89	6.18	6.04	7.0	7.4	7.0
China	18.5	17.4	18.1	3.96	3.68	3.98	73.4	64.0	72.0
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.46	4.60	4.70	3.7	3.7	3.9
India	5.8	5.8	5.8	1.44	1.34	1.38	8.4	7.8	8.0
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.04	1.07	1.10	3.4	3.5	3.6
Zimbabwe	1.4	1.4	1.4	2.07	1.61	1.57	3.0	2.3	2.2
Others	22.1	22.5	23.0	1.32	1.40	1.41	29.2	31.4	32.5
SORGHUM									
World	46.7	48.9		1.42	1.49		66.0	72.8	67.4
United States	6.2	6.7		3.54	4.19		22.0	28.3	21.6
Total Foreign	40.4	42.2	42.2	1.09	1.06	1.09	44.0	44.6	45.9
Argentina	2.0	1.4	1.4	2.97	3.33	3.00	5.9	4.5	4.2
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.89	1.72	1.86	1.4	1.3	1.3
China	2.5	2.4	2.4	3.15	2.73	3.11	7.7	6.5	7.4
India	15.7	15.3	15.2	0.72	0.69	0.72	11.3	10.5	11.0
Mexico	1.3	1.3	1.4	3.15	2.85	2.81	4.1	3.7	3.8
Nigeria	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.62	0.67	0.71	3.7	4.0	4.3
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	2.03	1.62	2.10	0.6	0.5	0.7
Sudan	3.2	5.9	5.8	0.38	0.76	0.69	1.2	4.5	4.0
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.32	1.28	1.29	0.4	0.4	0.4
Others	8.5	8.6	8.7	0.91	1.02	1.01	7.8	8.7	8.8

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.
2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

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Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production (Rough Basis)			Milling Rate			Production (Milled Basis)		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
				Metric Tons Per Hectare			Million Metric Tons			In Percent			Million Metric Tons		
World	144.2	143.1		3.24	3.23		467.9	462.8	470.9	68.11	68.05	68.00	318.7	314.9	320.2
United States	1.1	1.0		5.55	6.09		6.3	6.2	5.9	71.10	71.00	71.00	4.5	4.4	4.2
Total Foreign	143.1	142.1	144.5	3.23	3.21	3.22	461.6	456.7	465.0	68.07	68.01	67.96	314.2	310.6	316.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	16.1	16.1		2.39	2.39		38.5	38.6		64.74	64.73		24.9	25.0	
Burma	4.7	4.7		3.15	3.17		14.8	14.9		62.50	62.50		9.3	9.3	
Pakistan	2.0	1.9		2.49	2.40		5.0	4.4		66.66	66.66		3.3	3.0	
Thailand	9.4	9.6		1.99	2.01		18.7	19.3		66.00	66.00		12.3	12.7	
Major Importers	12.8	13.0		4.01	4.03		51.2	52.3		68.31	68.36		35.0	35.8	
EC-12	0.3	0.3		5.55	5.84		1.7	1.9		66.16	66.92		1.1	1.2	
Indonesia	9.8	9.8		3.91	3.97		38.1	39.0		68.00	68.00		25.9	26.5	
Nigeria	0.7	0.7		2.02	2.04		1.4	1.4		66.50	66.50		0.9	0.9	
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2		6.47	6.35		8.0	7.9		71.29	71.62		5.7	5.6	
Other Maj. Import. */	0.8	0.9		2.59	2.42		2.0	2.1		65.51	65.39		1.3	1.4	
Other Foreign	114.2	113.0		3.26	3.24		372.0	365.8		68.39	68.30		254.4	249.8	
Australia	0.1	0.1		6.86	6.20		0.9	0.7		71.50	71.50		0.6	0.5	
Bangladesh	10.2	10.4		2.15	2.22		21.9	23.1		66.66	66.66		14.6	15.4	
Brazil	5.0	5.1		1.80	1.76		9.0	9.0		68.00	68.00		6.1	6.1	
China	33.2	31.4		5.37	5.32		178.3	167.0		70.00	70.00		124.8	116.9	
India	41.2	41.2		2.14	2.22		88.0	91.5		66.66	66.66		58.6	61.0	
Japan	2.3	2.3		6.41	6.22		14.8	14.6		72.80	72.80		10.8	10.6	
Philippines	3.2	3.4		2.55	2.55		8.2	8.7		65.00	65.00		5.3	5.6	
USSR	0.7	0.7		4.00	4.00		2.8	2.8		65.00	65.00		1.8	1.8	
Vietnam	5.7	5.7		2.70	2.63		15.4	15.0		65.00	65.00		10.0	9.8	
Others	12.6	12.6		2.59	2.64		32.7	33.3		66.14	66.13		21.6	22.1	

*/ Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Cotton Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield			Production		
	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	Proj. 1986/87	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May	1984/85	Prel. 1985/86	1986/87 Proj. May
	Million Hectares			Kilograms Per Hectare			Million 480-Pound Bales		
World	34.3	32.1		557	528		87.6	77.9	75.5
United States	4.2	4.1		673	706		13.0	13.4	11.0
Total Foreign	30.1	28.0	28.0	540	502	500	74.6	64.5	64.5
Maj. Foreign Exporters	14.8	12.9		791	755		53.8	44.8	
Australia	0.2	0.2		1361	1315		1.1	1.0	
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2		780	674		0.8	0.6	
China	6.9	5.2		903	800		28.7	19.1	
Egypt	0.4	0.4		965	1015		1.8	2.1	
Mexico	0.3	0.2		844	1012		1.2	0.9	
Pakistan	2.2	2.4		451	525		4.6	5.7	
Sudan	0.4	0.4		492	518		0.9	0.9	
Turkey	0.8	0.7		763	785		2.7	2.4	
USSR	3.3	3.3		773	794		11.9	12.1	
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3		706	793		1.0	1.2	
Other Foreign	14.9	14.7		289	274		19.8	18.6	
Argentina	0.4	0.3		383	325		0.8	0.5	
Brazil	2.4	2.0		389	313		4.2	2.8	
India	7.5	7.9		230	232		7.9	8.4	
Syria	0.2	0.2		913	1057		0.7	0.8	
Others	4.5	4.4		301	300		6.2	6.0	

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.
2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield				Production			
	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	Proj. 1985/86	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Proj. May	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Proj. May
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	50.60	53.47	51.30	1.64	1.73	1.84	1.85	82.80	92.47	94.08	94.70
United States	25.30	26.76	24.92	1.76	1.89	2.29	2.29	44.52	50.64	57.11	57.11
Total Foreign	25.29	26.71	26.38	1.51	1.57	1.41	1.42	38.28	41.82	36.97	37.59
Maj. Foreign Exporters	12.23	13.27	12.20	1.83	1.86	1.62	1.66	22.40	24.70	19.80	20.30
Argentina	2.91	3.27	3.35	2.41	1.99	2.18	2.18	7.00	6.50	7.30	7.30
Brazil	9.32	10.00	8.85	1.65	1.82	1.41	1.47	15.40	18.20	12.50	13.00
Other Foreign	13.06	13.45	14.18	1.22	1.27	1.22	1.22	15.88	17.12	17.17	17.29
Canada	0.36	0.42	0.43	2.02	2.24	2.50	2.50	0.74	0.93	1.06	1.06
China	7.57	7.29	7.80	1.29	1.33	1.22	1.22	9.76	9.70	9.50	9.50
Eastern Europe	0.48	0.51	0.49	1.27	1.50	1.19	1.17	0.61	0.77	0.60	0.57
India	0.84	1.19	1.25	0.73	0.78	0.88	0.88	0.61	0.93	1.10	1.10
Indonesia	0.75	0.84	0.90	0.83	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.63	0.74	0.83	0.83
Mexico	0.35	0.35	0.37	1.71	1.57	1.89	2.03	0.60	0.55	0.70	0.75
Paraguay	0.42	0.55	0.55	1.31	1.73	1.25	1.09	0.55	0.95	0.50	0.60
USSR	0.84	0.77	0.74	0.67	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.56	0.47	0.47	0.47
Others	1.45	1.53	1.66	1.26	1.36	1.44	1.45	1.83	2.08	2.42	2.41
COTTONSEED											
World	31.38	34.25	32.30	0.83	0.99	0.94	0.94	26.09	33.77	30.04	30.26
United States	2.97	4.20	4.14	0.94	1.11	1.17	1.16	2.79	4.67	4.87	4.79
Total Foreign	28.41	30.05	28.16	0.82	0.97	0.90	0.90	23.30	29.10	25.17	25.47
China	6.08	6.92	5.20	1.30	1.54	1.36	1.36	7.88	10.64	7.07	7.07
India	7.77	7.50	7.90	0.34	0.46	0.44	0.46	2.65	3.45	3.39	3.65
Pakistan	2.22	2.24	2.37	0.46	0.90	1.05	1.05	1.02	2.01	2.48	2.48
USSR	3.19	3.35	3.32	1.51	1.42	1.47	1.47	4.82	4.76	4.89	4.89
Others	9.15	10.04	9.38	0.76	0.82	0.79	0.79	6.94	8.25	7.33	7.38
PEANUTS											
World	17.77	18.14	18.28	1.04	1.09	1.13	1.10	18.44	19.85	20.62	20.10
United States	0.56	0.62	0.59	2.69	3.22	3.17	3.15	1.50	2.00	1.88	1.87
Total Foreign	17.21	17.52	17.68	0.98	1.02	1.06	1.03	16.95	17.86	18.74	18.23
Brazil	0.15	0.19	0.18	1.47	1.79	1.26	1.26	0.22	0.34	0.22	0.22
China	2.20	2.42	3.50	1.80	1.99	1.89	1.89	3.95	4.82	6.60	6.60
India	7.54	7.75	7.20	0.94	0.87	0.78	0.72	7.09	6.74	5.60	5.20
Senegal	0.99	0.87	0.61	0.58	0.64	0.96	0.96	0.57	0.56	0.58	0.58
South Africa	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.30	0.85	1.15	0.83	0.07	0.20	0.28	0.20
Sudan	0.77	0.74	0.48	0.54	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.41	0.39	0.35	0.35
Others	5.32	5.32	5.49	0.87	0.90	0.93	0.93	4.64	4.81	5.12	5.09

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Country/Region	Area			Yield				Production			
	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	Proj. 1985/86	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Proj. May	1983/84	Prel. 1984/85	1985/86 Proj. Apr.	Proj. May
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	13.23	14.20	14.79	1.17	1.26	1.28	1.27	15.47	17.87	19.11	18.81
United States	1.24	1.49	1.15	1.17	1.14	1.24	1.24	1.45	1.70	1.43	1.43
Total Foreign	11.99	12.71	13.64	1.17	1.27	1.28	1.27	14.02	16.17	17.68	17.38
Argentina	1.99	2.35	2.65	1.11	1.45	1.32	1.32	2.20	3.40	3.50	3.50
China	0.73	1.01	1.19	1.83	1.68	1.60	1.60	1.34	1.70	1.90	1.90
EC-10	0.50	0.60	0.74	1.97	1.96	2.23	2.24	0.98	1.18	1.71	1.65
East Europe	1.14	1.16	1.24	1.68	1.81	1.72	1.68	1.91	2.09	2.11	2.08
Spain	0.93	1.01	1.13	0.81	1.09	0.81	0.81	0.75	1.10	0.92	0.92
USSR	4.27	3.91	4.05	1.19	1.16	1.29	1.29	5.06	4.52	5.23	5.23
Others	2.44	2.67	2.65	0.73	0.82	0.83	0.80	1.78	2.18	2.32	2.11
RAPESEED											
World	12.59	13.92	15.08	1.13	1.21	1.24	1.24	14.26	16.84	18.89	18.71
Total Foreign	12.59	13.92	15.08	1.13	1.21	1.24	1.24	14.26	16.84	18.89	18.71
Canada	2.33	3.09	2.80	1.12	1.09	1.24	1.24	2.61	3.38	3.46	3.46
China	3.67	3.41	4.60	1.17	1.23	1.20	1.20	4.29	4.21	5.50	5.50
EC-10	1.10	1.17	1.27	2.21	2.94	2.92	2.91	2.44	3.42	3.68	3.69
East Europe	0.61	0.81	0.84	2.21	2.17	2.24	2.25	1.35	1.76	1.92	1.89
India	3.87	4.40	4.42	0.67	0.69	0.71	0.68	2.61	3.03	3.20	3.00
Others	1.00	1.03	1.15	0.97	1.00	0.97	1.02	0.98	1.04	1.13	1.17
FLAXSEED											
World	4.35	4.57	4.64	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.53	2.13	2.23	2.48	2.47
United States	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.74	0.82	0.89	0.89	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.21
Total Foreign	4.12	4.36	4.40	0.47	0.47	0.51	0.51	1.96	2.05	2.27	2.26
Argentina	0.77	0.67	0.75	0.86	0.82	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.55	0.48	0.48
Canada	0.43	0.72	0.74	1.03	0.96	1.24	1.24	0.44	0.69	0.92	0.92
India	1.49	1.55	1.50	0.30	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.44	0.39	0.45	0.45
USSR	1.17	1.16	1.10	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.26	0.25	0.23	0.23
Others	0.26	0.26	0.31	0.58	0.67	0.57	0.58	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.18
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	129.91	138.55	136.38	1.23	1.32	1.36	1.36	159.20	183.04	185.21	185.06
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.83	4.91	5.09	5.11
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.97	2.21	2.47	2.57
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	165.01	190.16	192.77	192.74
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.20	6.94	7.74	8.04

* Not included in total oilseeds.

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WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

Date May 8, 1986

CANADA
Early May showers moisten topsoils in the southern Prairies for spring wheat planting.
UNITED STATES
Rain delays planting in the northern Plains. Scattered showers provide only spotty relief from dryness in the south and southeast. Planting progress and crop development are well ahead of normal in all areas except North Central States.
SOUTH AMERICA
Dry weather favors crop harvesting throughout Brazil's center-south, and Argentina's summer crop areas. Brazil's soybean harvest has advanced rapidly in the last ten days.
EUROPE
Drier weather in the northwest improves conditions for spring planting.
WESTERN U.S.S.R.
Significant precipitation in the North Caucasus and Volga Valley eases dryness and benefits crops. An unusual freeze on May 6 covers parts of the southeast.
NORTHWESTERN AFRICA
Weather conditions were generally favorable for maturing winter grains.
SOUTH ASIA
Mostly dry weather favors wheat harvesting in India.
EASTERN ASIA
Moisture is adequate in most of the rice region. Dry weather in the North China Plain is unfavorable for nonirrigated crops.
SOUTHEAST ASIA
Favorable rain in Thailand benefits corn and rice planting.
AUSTRALIA
Recent showers ease persistent dryness in the eastern wheat belt, moistening topsoils for early wheat planting. Some dry pockets remain.
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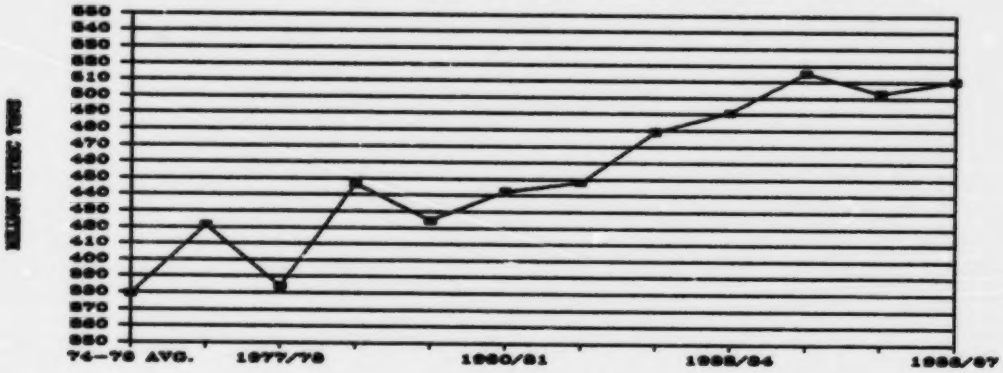

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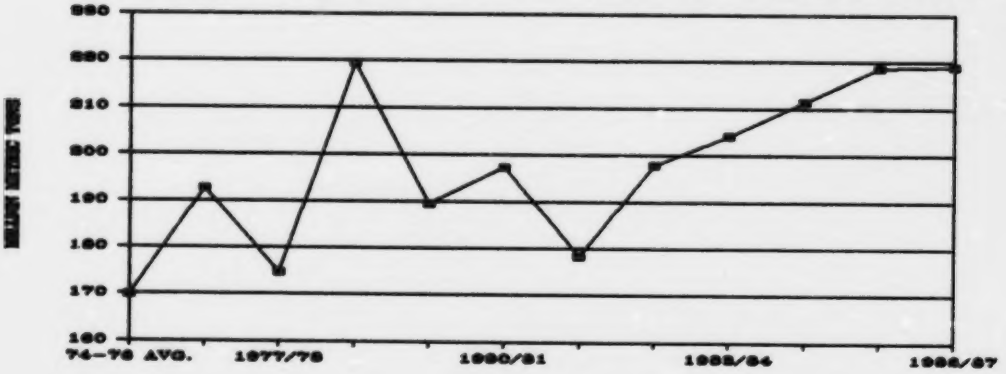

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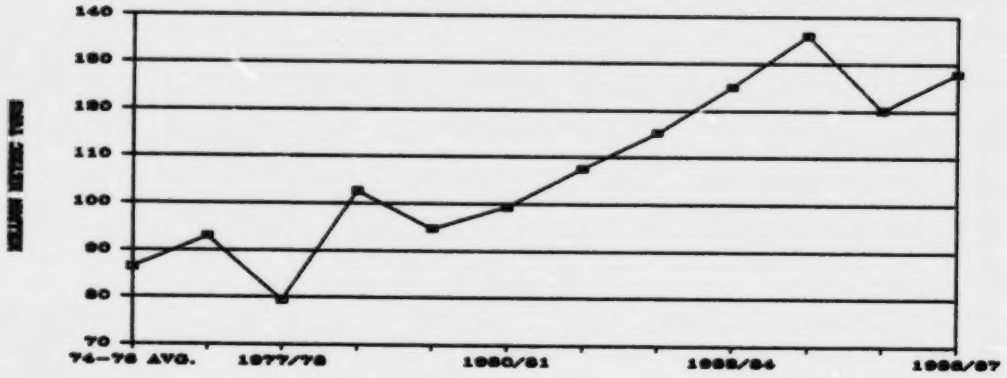

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THIS MONTH'S GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS ILLUSTRATES WHEAT PRODUCTION TRENDS FROM THE AVERAGE OF THE PERIOD 1974/75-1976/77 THROUGH 1986/87 (FORECAST). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE CATEGORIES (MAJOR FOREIGN EXPORTERS AND MAJOR IMPORTERS) SEE THE WHEAT TABLE.

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NOTE: The table below presents a 5-year record of the differences between the May projections and the final estimates. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the May projections and the final estimates have averaged 15.6 million tons (3.2 percent) ranging from 11.2 to 18.0 million tons. The May projection has been below the final estimate 3 times and above 2 times.

RELIABILITY OF MAY PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATE, 1981/82-85/86 1/					
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	SMALLEST	LARGEST	BELOW FINAL	ABOVE FINAL
	PERCENT	----MILLION METRIC TONS----			NUMBER OF YEARS 2/	
WHEAT						
WORLD	3.2	15.6	11.2	18.0	3	2
U.S.	3.5	2.5	1.2	4.3	4	1
FOREIGN	3.4	14.0	9.3	20.0	3	2
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
WORLD	2.9	21.8	1.1	54.3	3	2
U.S.	13.1	24.8	1.5	52.1	4	1
FOREIGN	2.5	13.5	2.2	28.2	1	4
RICE (MILLED)						
WORLD	3.8	11.6	4.2	21.8	4	1
U.S.	10.3	0.5	0.2	1.0	2	3
FOREIGN	3.7	11.1	4.6	22.0	4	1
OILSEEDS						
WORLD	3.7	6.5	3.0	12.3	4	1
U.S.	10.6	6.1	2.9	13.4	3	2
FOREIGN	2.9	3.5	1.0	11.2	5	0
		----MILLION 480-LB. BALES----				
COTTON						
WORLD	4.4	3.6	0.2	13.7	5	0
U.S.	10.5	1.3	0.5	1.8	3	2
FOREIGN	4.2	3.0	0.0	12.3	4	0
UNITED STATES		----MILLION BUSHELS----				
CORN	14.4	836	119	1,884	3	2
SORGHUM	20.4	337	187	583	0	5
BARLEY	8.9	262	15	570	2	3
OATS	5.1	1,096	238	1,621	4	1

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1984/85 is defined as of November (18 months post) and for 1985/86 as of April (11 months post). 2/ May not add up to 5 if projection was the same as the final estimate. 3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet and mixed grain.

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